



First Responder Network Authority Weekly Update to the State and Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – March 7, 2016

FirstNet News

- User Advocacy continues its preparations for the Spring 2016 SPOC in-person meeting on April 12-13, 2016 in McLean, Virginia. Agenda items include Consultation, State Plans, PSAC assignments, Tribal Outreach, NG9-1-1, Request for Proposal (RFP), and others. All attendees should register their attendance at <http://www.cvent.com/d/cfq1vq> and make their hotel accommodations at The Ritz Carlton **by Friday, March 11**. Hotel reservations can be made by phone at 1-800-241-3333 (Group: FirstNet SPOC Meeting) or online at <https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/washington-dc/tysons-corner/reservations> (Group Code: FSMFSMA).
- Last week, FirstNet released its Annual Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2015, which summarizes accomplishments for the year. Additional information and a link to the report are available at <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/firstnet-annual-report-congress-documents-major-year-progress-toward-deployment>.
- On March 4, FirstNet announced the availability of the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for the Non-Contiguous Region ("Draft PEIS"), along with a series of public meetings to be held throughout the Non-Contiguous Region to receive comments on the Draft PEIS. The Draft PEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed nationwide public safety broadband network in the Non-Contiguous Region. Interested parties are invited to review the announcement and the full document on www.regulations.gov, under ID FIRSTNET-2016-0001-0001.
- SPOC 2016 Engagement Kick-Off Meetings continued last week in Georgia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Rhode Island, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The RFP and State Plan process continue to be the most discussed topics at these meetings. We have now completed these meetings in 35 out of the 56 states/territories.
- Last week, FirstNet published three new entries on its blog: [FirstNet Posts 122 Responses, 33 Amendments to RFP, FirstNet Annual Report to Congress Documents Major Year of Progress Toward Deployment of Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network](#), and [RFP, Consultation, Spring SPOC Meeting Are Key Topics During Quarterly SPOC Webinar](#). All blog posts can also be accessed through the FirstNet blog landing page at: <http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog>.
- This week, FirstNet is speaking at the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commission (NARUZC) Staff Subcommittee on Accounting and Finance in Augusta, Georgia; the 2016 Georgia Emergency Communications Conference in Columbus, Georgia; the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Western

Regional Conference in Portland, Oregon; the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Region 19 700/800MHz Committee meeting in Framingham, Massachusetts; the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Wildland Urban Interface Conference in Reno, Nevada; the Ohio Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC) meeting in Columbus, Ohio; the National Fire Protection Association-Electronic Safety Equipment Committee meeting in Dallas, Texas; the National Sheriffs Association (NSA) FirstNet webinar; the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments 9-1-1 Director's Committee meeting in Bowie, Maryland; and the Pennsylvania Southcentral Regional meeting in Summerdale, Pennsylvania.

- FirstNet will hold a Pre-Proposal Conference to discuss the RFP on March 10 at 1:00 p.m. ET at its headquarters in Reston, Virginia. The conference will also be webcast. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).
- FirstNet's four Board Committees and the full FirstNet Board will hold an open public teleconference and webinar on March 16, 2016 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. EDT. These meetings are open to the public and press via teleconference and webcast. In order to get an accurate headcount, all expected attendees are asked to provide notice of intent to attend by sending an email to BoardRSVP@firstnet.gov. Visit <http://www.firstnet.gov/content/firstnet-board-meeting-march-16-2016> for additional information.

News from the PSAC, States and Territories

- The PSAC ICAM and Local Control task teams are meeting this week in Boulder, Colorado, for a series of in-person tabletop exercises and discussions with staff from the FirstNet Office of the Chief Technology Officer (CTO).
- The Early Builders Working Group (EWBG) is also meeting in Boulder, Colorado this week, to provide valuable formal and informal key lessons learned to the CTO team.

Media Watch

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I joined FirstNet in November 2015 to be a part of this monumental effort to put lifesaving technology in responders' hands. Reliable broadband connectivity is a valuable, scarce resource, one that can open up doors to tremendous public safety communications capabilities. First responders deserve the best, and FirstNet is working to establish the best Long Term Evolution (LTE) network it can, one that evolves as technology evolves.

Web and Social Media

FirstNet social media enjoyed steady traffic and new users/followers. Twitter gained 40 followers and is now at 3,289 followers, while LinkedIn gained 20 followers for 1,373 followers total. YouTube now has 226 subscribers and Google+ has 67 users